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# **SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL COUNCIL**

**Annual Report**

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The South Carolina Coastal Council was created by Act 123 of the 1977 South Carolina Legislature. This Act is codified as Section 48-39-10 et. seq. of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws as amended. The Act created an 18 member governing body which is empowered to employ a professional staff and develop and implement a comprehensive coastal management program with specific duties, and outlines procedures to be used for managing South Carolina's coastal resources.

The authority of the Council is divided in two parts and is limited to eight coastal counties: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Horry and Georgetown. In these counties, a jurisdictional line for permitting of alterations of "critical areas" was established. Critical areas are the beaches, primary ocean front sand dunes, tidelands, and coastal waters. Throughout the rest of the geographic boundaries of the eight coastal counties, the Council is empowered to review all State and Federal permit applications to determine their consistency with the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program. Thus, the Council has two-fold authority, direct permitting and certification responsibilities. Appendix A delineates the critical areas of the coastal zone.

### II. HISTORY

The Coastal Council began implementing its permitting authority on September 28, 1977. This succeeded in attainment of the Council's goal of simplifying and expediting permit procedures in the critical areas. The comprehensive Coastal Management Program created by the Council, with implementing procedural regulations, were approved by Governor Richard W. Riley following legislative adoption in February of 1979. In September of 1979 the program received formal Federal approval in ceremonies conducted in Beaufort's Waterfront Park.

Since program approval, the State has received \$5,772,844 from the Office of Oceans and Coastal Resource Management in Washington, D.C. in matching grants. The central component of the program is the set of policies used to guide all development activities in the Coastal Zone. These policies, or performance standards, outlining the ways in which proposed activities may be sited, constructed, or developed, protect our natural coastal resources. The goals and objectives of the Management Program are reached through the careful implementation of these program policies.

### III. ACTIVE PROGRAMS

The Council continues to implement the South Carolina Coastal Management program which includes its permit program. Enforcement of the program is coordinated through the Council staff and enforcement officers assigned or on detail from the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department. These enforcement officers use cars, boats, a helicopter and an airplane to look for illegal alterations of the critical areas and monitor compliance with conditions of permitted alterations.

There were 132 illegal reports logged and filed from July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985. Of these, approximately 78 have been terminated and 17 are in litigation. Forty more were handled in the field by the investigating officers and compliance accomplished without having to file a formal investigation report. Statistics on permitted activities are found in Appendix B.

The Council continues its review and certification of permits by other State or Federal agencies in the coastal zone. This component of the program includes implementation of Federal Consistency, which became effective upon Federal approval of the program. All Federal activities, loans, grants, licenses and permits must be consistent with the South Carolina Coastal Program. The Council has Memoranda of Understanding with several state agencies to coordinate their activities with the program. The Coastal Council, recognizing that certain areas are undergoing rapid and substantial changes requiring special and individual planning activities, has been involved in Special Area Management Plan for selected areas of the coast having unique requirements. In order to improve the effectiveness of its review, the Council has initiated a series of planning efforts along the coast in these regards. The local governments have cooperated in these studies with the Council to create a partnership in the protection of coastal resources and interests in these areas.

In its erosion control efforts, funds were distributed to several coastal communities through the Council for erosion abatement measures, such as groin repair, construction of access ways over sand dunes and replenishment of dunes. The Council is currently protecting and encouraging public access to the coast through various means, including the requirement of public access as a permit condition.

Several programmatic activities are ongoing at this report period. Among these are:

#### a. North Myrtle Beach Shorefront Management Plan

This plan, developed in conjunction with city officials, includes preparation of maps of existing land use of the shoreline and maps identifying erosion trends. Public surveys and public forums will also be used. Re-development, development trends, dune protection, erosion-control measures and set-back options will be addressed.



#### b. Storm Water Runoff Management

The Coastal Council reviews drainage plans for most of the residential, commercial and industrial developments being constructed within the coastal zone. The purpose of this review is to insure that storm water runoff from these projects will be managed in such a manner that it will not have a degrading impact on adjacent marsh areas or water bodies. Water pollution control, prevention of sedimentation and erosion are the major points emphasized during this review.

#### c. Newsletters

The Council publishes a newsletter of Council activities on an alternate month schedule. Approximately 1,200 copies of "Carolina Currents" are distributed each period. In addition, Council meetings are rotated among the eight coastal counties and public attendance of interested citizens is encouraged at all meetings.

Council staff members also speak to various civic clubs and schools throughout the state.

#### d. Teacher Enrichment Program

The Coastal Council, in cooperation with the Friends of the Coast and the University of South Carolina, sponsored a series of upper level college credit courses for secondary school teachers. These coastal geology courses were held on weekends at various spots along the coast. The purpose of this program is to improve the quantity and quality of coastal environment education in our secondary schools.

#### e. Shoreline Migration Study

The National Oceanic Service prepared maps indicating shoreline movement over the past one-hundred years. The maps provide the information needed by the Council and local governments to address the erosion problem along the South Carolina coast. The study was under contract with the Research Statistics Division of the State Budget and Control Board. All local governments along the South Carolina coast received a set of these maps.

Other projects completed during this report period include the Charleston Peninsular Special Area Management Plan, the Folly Beach Special Area Management Plan, and the Highway 61 Growth Management Plan.

IV.

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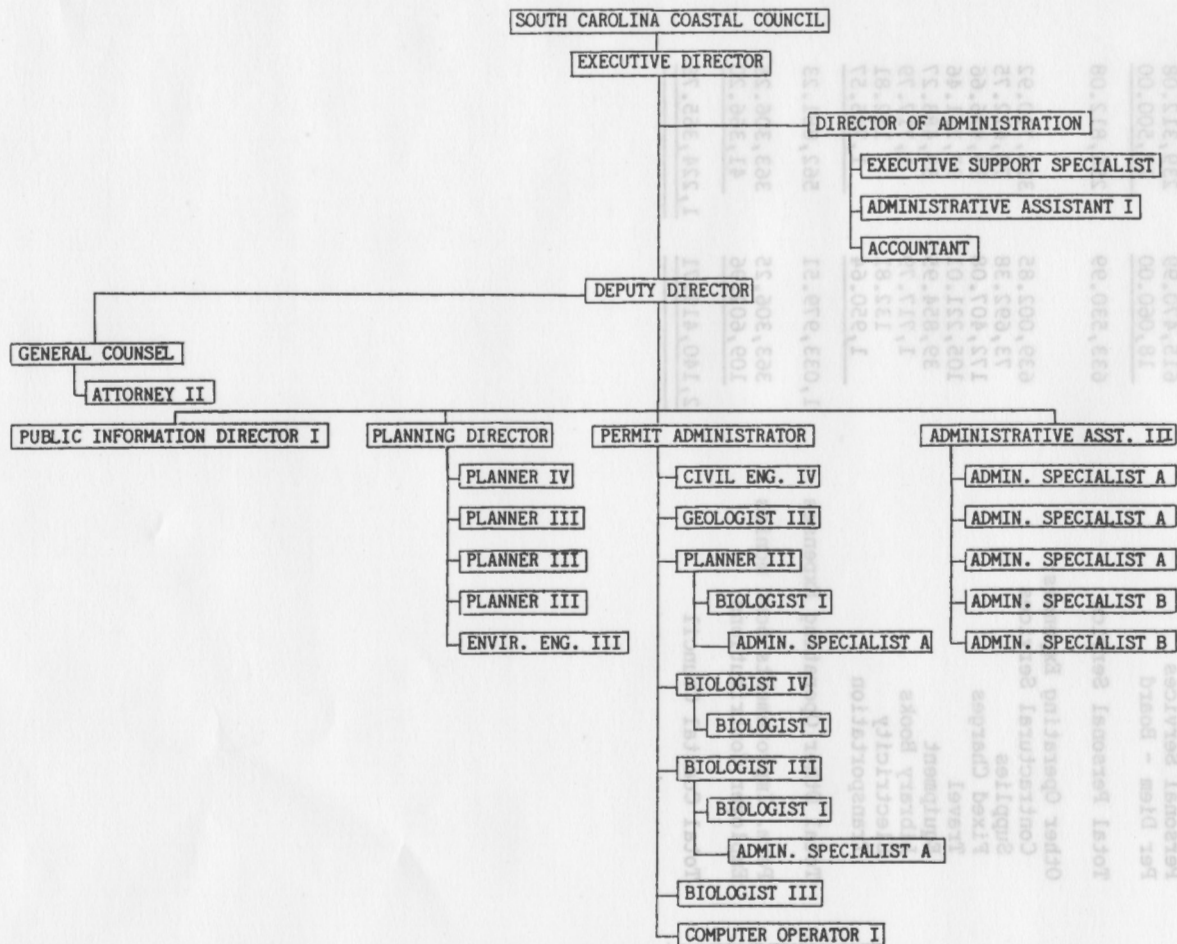
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Expenditures for 1967 Year 1967-1968  
SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL COUNCIL

## VII.

SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL COUNCIL  
Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1984/1985

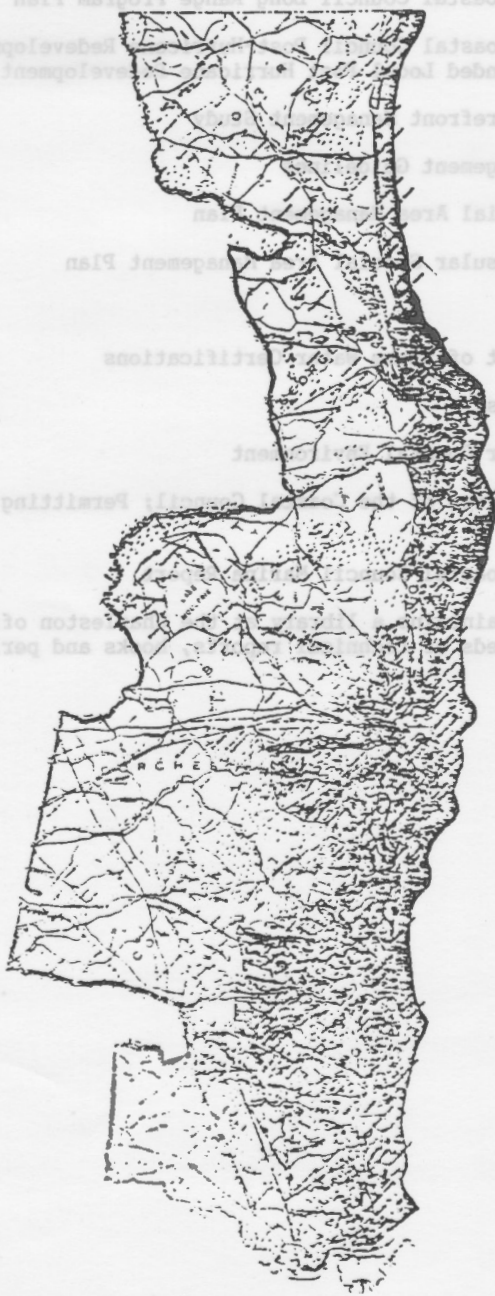
|                                | <u>Total Funds</u>         | <u>State Funds</u>         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Personal Services              | 615,470.99                 | 239,312.08                 |
| Per Diem - Board               | <u>18,060.00</u>           | <u>17,500.00</u>           |
| Total Personal Service         | 633,530.99                 | 256,812.08                 |
| Other Operating Expenses:      |                            |                            |
| Contractual Services           | 639,002.85                 | 316,710.92                 |
| Supplies                       | 73,692.38                  | 70,412.75                  |
| Fixed Charges                  | 172,407.08                 | 35,426.66                  |
| Travel                         | 105,221.01                 | 97,251.46                  |
| Equipment                      | 39,854.95                  | 39,483.27                  |
| Library Books                  | 1,717.79                   | 1,717.79                   |
| Electricity                    | 132.81                     | 132.81                     |
| Transportation                 | <u>1,950.64</u>            | <u>1,745.57</u>            |
| Total Other Operating Expenses | 1,033,979.51               | 562,881.23                 |
| Perm. Improvements bond monies | 363,306.25                 | 363,306.25                 |
| Employer Contributions         | <u>109,602.96</u>          | <u>41,366.20</u>           |
| Total Coastal Council          | <u><u>2,140,419.71</u></u> | <u><u>1,224,365.76</u></u> |

VIII. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND STUDIES

1. South Carolina Coastal Council Long Range Program Plan
2. South Carolina Coastal Council Post-Hurricane Redevelopment Plan and recommended Local Post Hurricane Redevelopment Plan
3. Myrtle Beach Shorefront Management Study
4. Storm Water Management Guidelines
5. Folly Beach Special Area Management Plan
6. Charleston Peninsular Special Area Management Plan
7. Ricefield Survey
8. Highway 61 Report of Storm Water Certifications
9. Carolina Currents
10. Understanding Our Coastal Environment
11. Brochures: Overview of the Coastal Council; Permitting and Certification
12. South Carolina Coastal Council Marina Report

Note: The Council maintains a library at the Charleston office which contains hundreds of technical reports, books and periodicals.

# **APPENDIX A—Map of Permit Jurisdiction (Critical areas shaded)**





## APPENDIX B

Permits processed by Coastal Council from July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985.

### Inside Critical Area

| ACTION                    | NUMBER     |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Permits applied for       |            |
| Majors                    | 135        |
| Minors                    | 376        |
| Total                     | <u>511</u> |
| Permits acted on          |            |
| Issued without provisions | 114        |
| Issued with provisions    | 233        |
| Denied                    | 13         |
| Active                    | <u>166</u> |
| Total                     | <u>526</u> |

### Outside of Critical Area

| ACTION                    | NUMBER    |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Certified                 | 67        |
| Certified with provisions | 11        |
| Denied                    | 6         |
| Active                    | <u>14</u> |
| Total                     | <u>98</u> |

Other state agency permits processed for consistency certification by the Coastal Council

| ACTION                    | NUMBER      |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Certified                 | 744         |
| Certified with provisions | 332         |
| Denied                    | 4           |
| Active                    | 76          |
| Withdrawn                 | 4           |
| Total                     | <u>1160</u> |

### Federal Consistency

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Consistent    | 1         |
| Nonconsistent | 7         |
| Active        | <u>40</u> |

